

[7 August, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

**CBI Enquiry against Oil Companies**

1617. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has recently registered a preliminary enquiry against some officials of three Government owned oil companies for extending credit facility to eight private airlines, as reported in the Hindu of 14th June, 2000;

(b) if so, whether this includes as international airlines also;

(c) whether proper bank guarantee securities were obtained;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has initiated a preliminary enquiry on the issues of non-recovery of dues from private domestic airlines and international airlines. Bank guarantee/securities were obtained in some cases.

**Use of Diesel as Fuel by Power Generation Projects**

† 1618. DR. D. MASTHAN:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted the use of diesel as fuel in the power generation project in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have assessed the additional

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.